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Subject: access to sign language interpreter on TV

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During the recent natural disasters in our country I noticed something disturbing. While key important people were presenting information to the public there was a sign language interpreter in the lower right hand part of the television screen. Has anyone ever noticed that the lower right hand corner is where television stations show a station logo at almost all times but commercials? The interpreter was completely blocked by the logo in most cases. As a high school guidance counselor who has worked with deaf families I realize how important that interpreter can be.

Please alert TV stations, cable and local, to this problem. It does not afford the deaf community equal access to crisis information if the interpreter is blocked out of the picture.

Thank you, Tracy L. Gallipo West Rutland, Vermont 05777

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